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GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission proposes to give grants to the universities for establishment of skill development centres Universities/Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the universities/colleges which are likely to be provided such grants, State-wise; and

(d) whether Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are likely to get the grants and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government has notified the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) on 27th December, 2013 to enable a person to acquire desired competency levels, transit to the job market and at an opportune time, return for acquiring additional skills to further upgrade their competencies and ensure holistic development. The UGC is providing grants, within this framework, to universities and colleges under the two schemes namely "Community Colleges" and "B.Voc degree programme" which offer employment oriented skill based vocational courses wherein an industry partner is essen- tially associated for curriculum development, delivery of courses and assessment of learners. The list of Community Colleges that have been provided grants by the UGC during 2014-15 is available at http://www.ugc. ac.in/pdfnews/List_Community_Colleges.pdf . The list of Universities and Colleges assisted by the UGC during 2014-15 under the scheme of "B.Voc degree programme" is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5425221_ Approved.pdf.

To give further push to skill based vocations, a scheme of "Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Knowledge acquisition and upgradation of skilled human abilities and livelihood (KAUSHAL) Kendra" has also been approved by the Commission. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to approve 100 centres under its scheme of in universities and colleges across the country during the XIIth plan period.These centres will impart skill based education from the certificate to post graduate level. The guide- lines of the scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac. in/pdfnews/1502196_KAUSHAL-GUIDELINES-13-Dec-2014.pdf .

These schemes provide financial support to meet opera- tional expenditure including engagement of guest/ visi- ting faculty/ resource persons, hiring services, cont- ractual lab staff etc. for creating skilled manpower.

(d): No, Madam. Only Universities and Colleges, reco- gnized under section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, are eligible to receive development assistance from the UGC.